

Ngbaka Ma'bo

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1 Language Information

- Source: Thomas (1963)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ngba1284>
- ISO-identifier: nbm
- Speakers:
- Location: Central African Republic, Congo
- Geneology: Atlantic-Congo > Volta-Congo > North Volta-Congo > Cameroun-Ubangian > Ubangi > Sere-Ngbaka-Mba > Ngbaka-Mba > Mundu-Baka > Western Mundu-Baka > River Western Mundu-Baka > Bwaka > Ngbaka Ma'bo

2 Nominal Morphology

The pronouns have a singular, a dual, and a plural form. The nouns have a plural suffix.

3 Verbal Morphology

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4 Conjunction

The particle *té* 'with' is used in the case of nominal coordination.

- (1) tò té wà-gbāⁿ 7ó
Tò with villages the
'Tò and the villages.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 198]
- (2) 7èlùmà 7óté wōlōsè-kéⁿēⁿ kpáākć
Eluma them-with woman-his one
'Eluma and his only wife' [Thomas, 1963, p. 198]

- (3) lò té mā
you with I
'You and I' [Thomas, 1963, p. 198]
- (4) b́c̣nōⁿ, ngóⁿ, 7óté b́élē
dog hen them-with goat
'the dog, the hen and the goat' [Thomas, 1963, p. 198]
- (5) 7èlùma, 7óté lè 7ó té wòlō-ngéē 7ó
Eluma them-with child the with wife his the
'Eluma, the children and his wives' [Thomas, 1963, p. 198]

There are other conjunctions in Ngbaka - *sōⁿ* 'but', *mē* 'but', *nòⁿ* 'and', *7ē* 'and', *bē* 'and'.

- (6) mòⁿ dēlè dóⁿkpéⁿ dípā sōⁿ mòⁿⁿ dēlè wà-zūzūkò kē
you trample path excrements CONJ you trample the-good not
'take the path of garbage but avoid the right path' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (7) 7é hā 7ē 'bó sōⁿ 7é 7ēmè té yéē dē
he takes put there CONJ he enough with him not
'He tried it, but it did not fit him anymore.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (8) 7á nzākānì sōⁿ 7á náā dē
it-is grass CONJ it-is tree not
'It is a grass and not a tree.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (9) 7ó zūlù ndí, mā pā kú-kálc ñā 7ē-ti dóⁿkpéⁿ sōⁿ 7é zūlù kēā
we burn bush I PAST chain my left path CONJ he burn not
'We burned the bush and I had lost my chain on the way, but it did not burn.'
[Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (10) 7é hōⁿòⁿhōⁿ pā mē 7é gá lē
he is-eating a-lot CONJ he is-fat not
'He eats a lot, but he is not fat.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (11) mā kō-lé mī sōⁿ, nòⁿ 7é hā yéē pā-té nzià, 7ē
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'I told you so, now he took it and brought it.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]
- (12) 7é mí-bēè sī-bè nòⁿ bàlè hā yéē 'bó gbó
she almost-sung dance-song CONJ river take her swallow her there

completely

'She was going to sing, but the river seized her and engulfed her.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]

- (13) 7é hōⁿ káā hóⁿ ndékéné 7ēé hā dúdú 'bó lè kéⁿēⁿ 7ó
he eats only food a-little CONJ-he give the-rest to child his the
'He deprives himself to feed his children.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (14) 7é 7ā-nóⁿ bēlē nóⁿ-mōlò sc 7ē zābòlò hōⁿ kēkēndē gbó
he ASP-go forest go-kill animals CONJ demons eat the-heart all
'He went to the forest to kill animals, but the demons still ate the heart.'
[Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (15) ngóōngó sò dàⁿngà 7ōⁿnòⁿ 7ēé dū-sò
hawk takes-a-handful mucilage pours CONJ-he re-takes-a-handful
dàⁿngà 7ōⁿnòⁿ
mucilage pours
'The hawk catches the mucilage and pours it, then starts again.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (16) 7é 'bō 7ó kùlè mò-tē péē kébé kē 7ēé ng-kpī
she (said)-that we open door behind-her quick not CONJ-she will-die
'She recommended to not open the door immediately after her departure because she would die.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (17) kpáⁿāⁿ 'bātà 'bú 'bēé gē
days three first CONJ-he departs
'There are still three days before his departure.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (18) 7ó mēnē yāā lc 'bú 'bē 7ó gē
they did things this first CONJ they depart
'They did that, and then they left.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]
- (19) wà-wōlōsè hā yē 7à'bō, 7c 'bēé pé ndà 'bō 7é dō 'bó
the-woman took medicine this put to-him on bed so-that he sits there
'bēé kpī
and-he die
'The woman took the poison and put it on his bed so that he could sit on it and die.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 262]

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by 7ú 'or'.

- (20) 7á kí là-wō 7ú 7á kí là-wō dē mā hīⁿ dē
it-is true word CONJ it-is true word not I know not
'Is it possible or is not, I don't know.' [Thomas, 1963, p. 261]

6 Prepositions

1. tē 'with'

References

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